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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

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SUBJ: LEBANON

1. IMMEDIATELY AFTER HIS RETURN FROM THE EUROPEAN TOUR, FAHMY WENT TO BED WITH LARYNGITIS AND FLU. HE WAS NOT AT THE OFFICE YESTERDAY. HE HAS MANAGED TO DRAG HIMSELF OUT OF BED TODAY TO ATTEND AN NSC MEETING CALLED BY THE PRESIDENT.

2. I HAD A CHANCE TO TALK WITH HIM BRIEFLY ON THE PHONE THIS MORNING. HIS MOOD WAS NOT THE BEST. HE COMPLAINED THAT WE HAD WORKED OUT AN "UNDERSTANDING" WITH THE ISRAEILIS TO PERMIT THE SYRIANS TO INTERVENE MILITARILY IN BEIRUT AND NORTHERN LEBANON. I STRESSED TO HIM THAT, AS HE KNEW FROM OUR MESSAGES TO THE PRESIDENT AND TO HIM ON THE EUROPEAN TOUR, OUR EFFORT HAS BEEN AIMED AT PREVENTING SYRIAN MILITARY INTERVENTION. THIS HAS BEEN A MAJOR PURPOSE OF BROWN'S MISSION.

3. FAHMY WOULD HAVE NONE OF IT. HE CLAIMED EGYPTIANS HAVE HAD REPORTS FROM OTHER SOURCES (I SUSPECT ARAFAT, JUMBLATT, ETC.) ASSERTING WE ARE ENCOURAGING THE SYRIANS. EVEN THE FRENCH HAD TOLD HIM THAT THE USG SUPPORTS SYRIAN POLITICAL

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OBJECTIVES IN LEBANON. AS HE SAW IT, SUCH A

POSITION MUST INEVITABLY MAKE THE SYRIANS BELIEVE THAT THEY CAN GET AWAY WITH MILITARY INTERVENTION. THEY NOW HAVE WELL OVER 6,000 TROOPS IN LEBANON, AND USG HAS SAID NOTHING TO CONDEMN THIS MILITARY INTERVENTION.

4. I REMINDED HIM THAT, WHILE WE HAVE ALWAYS TOLD OUR EGYPTIAN FRIENDS THAT WE BELIEVE THE SYRIAN POLITICAL EFFORT IN LEBANON IS CONSTRUCTIVE, AND EVEN HE HAD ACKNOWLEDGED TO ME THE NATURAL SYRIAN GEOPOLITICAL INTEREST IN LEBANON, WE HAVE MADE A CLEAR DISTINCTION BETWEEN SYRIAN POLITICAL EFFORTS AND MILITARY INTERVENTION. HE SHOULD UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES BELIEVE, REGARDLESS OF WHAT OTHERS CLAIM, THAT WE HAVE IN ANY WAY ENCOURAGED THE CURRENT SYRIAN MILITARY ACTIVITIES IN LEBANON. ON THE CONTRARY, OUR EFFORTS HAVE BEEN CONSISTENTLY DIRECTED AT PREVENTING THEM. I KNEW NOTHING ABOUT ANY "UNDERSTANDING" ALLEGEDLY WORKED OUT WITH ISRAEL ON THIS POINT.

5. FAHMY NOTED THAT ISRAELI SOURCES HAVE ANNOUNCED THAT AN "UNDERSTANDING" WAS REACHED BETWEEN DAMASCUS AND WASHINGTON ABOUT THE DIMENSIONS OF THE SYRIAN INTERVENTION IN LEBANON AND ITS FORM. SINCE FAHMY HAD TO BE ON HIS WAY, WE COULD NOT SPEAK LONGER. AS A LAST WORD, I AGAIN EMPHASIZED TO HIM THAT OUR PURPOSE HAS BEEN AND CONTINUES TO BE TO ASSIST THE LEBANESE PARTIES TO MAINTAIN THE CEASE FIRE AND WORK OUT AN ACCEPTABLE COMPROMISE SOLUTION. FAHMY JUST GRUNTED.  
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